

Closed textiles mills in Gujarat

2410. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of closed textile mills in Gujarat, both the NTC and in the private sector;

(b) whether Government are aware that the dues of mill workers of private mills are in arrears in Gujarat;

(c) if so, what action is proposed to protect the interests of mill workers; and

(d) the steps taken for rehabilitation of these workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) to (d) There are 44 private and 9 National Textile Corporation (NTC) mills in the State of Gujarat. In order to provide interim relief to textile workers rendered unemployed as a consequence of permanent closure of any particular portion or entire textile units, Government have introduced the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme. Since the inception of this Scheme, 32 units in Gujarat have been given benefits of the scheme.

As far as NTC is concerned, 7960 employees in NTC (Gujarat) mills have opted for Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS), and have been paid compensation amounting to Rs. 276.79 crores. The dues of workers of private mills come under the purview of concerned State Governments.

Allocation for textiles development in Tamil Nadu

2411. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for further development of textiles in Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years which is the most advanced State in textiles and its percentage of all India allocation;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to launch any State specific Scheme in Tamil Nadu to further boost production of textiles so as to